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SUBJECT: 2004 Director's Discretionary Fund (DDF) – Supplementary Call for Proposals (Firm Deadline: June 1, 2004)

The DDF is a special program supporting innovative, but risky ideas at Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC), ones for which, if successful, payoff would be high, even if the probability of that success is low.

This supplementary call is for proposals for new approaches for fulfilling the President's January 2004 Space Exploration Initiative – Human Return to the Moon and Preparation for Human Exploration of Mars and Other Destinations. Of particular interest are proposals describing robotic or other technological capabilities that would substantially assist, amplify and augment human exploration activities.

Emphasis for these proposals should be on innovative, high technology, high payoff systems contributing to the particular interest noted above. Outside collaborations and workshops may be proposed. Total cost of each proposal should not exceed \$50,000, not including civil servant hours. Total funding is expected to be on the order of \$250,000.

On-line Application and instructions:
<http://128.183.112.68:8080/ddf/index.html>

Please direct any questions to Mary Dant, e-mail mary.j.dant@nasa.gov.

The Goddard Senior Fellows, with the assistance of the University Programs Office, will conduct a rapid review process after the June 1, 2004 deadline.

This is an excellent opportunity to contribute to an exciting challenge at a crucial point for the Agency and the Center. I look forward to your proposals.

A.V. Diaz

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